

# The Messenger

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Carlock Mennonite Church  
Worship 10:15 am  
Sunday School 9:00

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Sharon Brubaker - Musician  
Emma Brandt - Musician  
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## **For January 2023**

### Hospitality Committee

Brenda Dozier  
Annie Schwoerer  
Carrie Schwoerer

### Food Pantry Item

Toilet Paper

### Sunday School Nursery

January 1 – none  
January 8 – Emma Brandt  
January 15 – Barb Karr  
January 23 – Sophie Schwoerer  
January 30 – Sophie Schwoerer

### Sunday School Teachers

Kindergarten – Melinda Hartter  
Elementary – Julie Greenburg  
Jr. High – Annie Schwoerer

## **JANUARY CALENDAR**

Sunday, January 1	Morning Worship, Hospitality Time
Wednesday, January 4	Church Board, 7:00
Sunday, January 8	Morning Worship
Thursday, January 12	MW, 6:30
Sunday, January 15	Morning Worship, Annual meeting/meal
Sunday, January 22	Morning Worship
Sunday, January 29	Morning Worship

## Board News

- VBS volunteers are needed for 2023
- Outreach Committee continues to discuss how to donate regularly to some groups
- Kitchen remodel is complete
- Board is discussing how to allocate funds differently since we are now part of FEC
- FEC annual conference will be held July 27 & 28, 2023 in Ft Wayne, IN.
- Mike Hartter will begin the electrical upgrade soon
- Fresh water pump is leaking in the boiler room and needs to be fixed
- A new utility cart has been donated for use in the church

## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Steve Schwoerer
- 7 Heather Waller
- 8 Carrie Schwoerer
- 12 Mike & Abby Pyne (A)
- 15 Karen Arnold
- 15 Doane Brubaker
- 17 Shelby Mohr
- 21 Annie Schwoerer
- 24 Reilly Atkinson
- 27 Mitch Mohr
- 28 Wayne Miller
- 31 Wayne & Betty Miller (A)

## Library Corner

**Upstairs...**Our library has a set of books written by Jack Cavanaugh, "An American Family Portrait Series". (top shelf, center)

Each book continues the story, yet could be read alone. For example, the reader interested in the Civil War years would like volume 4, The Adversaries.

The series follows the Morgan Family line (and their Bible, passed to each generation) as they live through major events in our history.

Titles

- 1 The Puritans
- 2 The Colonists
- 3 The Patriots
- 4 The Adversaries
- 5 The Puritans
- 6 The Allies
- 7 The Victors
- 8 The Peacemakers

Get a warm blanket. Get comfortable. It's not a quick read, but it is very interesting and enjoyable.

**From the downstairs library...**On the top shelf, a very large book titled American Churches. Beautiful photographs and information.

## From Pastor Doane...

Whether or not you're one who makes resolutions, here are some verses that can reinvigorate and prompt determined resolve. You might even resolve to memorize one of these each month.

Forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead, I press on to reach the end of the race and receive the heavenly prize for which God, through Christ Jesus, is calling us. Philippians 3:13-14, NLT

Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting. Psalm 139:23-24, NIV

“If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” John 8:31, NIV

“As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.” John 13:34-35, NIV

“This is to my Father’s glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.” John 15:8, NIV

We do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. Hebrews 4:15-16, ESV

I will tell of the Lord’s unfailing love. I will praise the Lord for all he has done. I will rejoice in his great goodness... Isaiah 63:7, NLT

Devote yourselves to prayer, keeping alert in it with an attitude of thanksgiving. Colossians 4:2, NASB

Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me. Psalm 51:10-12, NIV

Be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry. James 1:19, NIV

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts... Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly... Colossians 3:15-16, ESV

Whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. Colossians 3:17, ESV

And, to make it a “baker’s dozen”:

Present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God. Romans 12:1-2, NKJV

May God smile on you throughout 2023.

Pastor Doane